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SPUTTERING TARGET TO  
REDUCE BURN-IN TIME AND  
SPUTTERING TARGET THEREOF  
AND APPARATUS THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

This Amendment filed concurrently with the Request for Continued Examination is response to the Official Action issued August 15, 2007. A request for a three-month extension of time is also requested making the Response date February 15, 2008.

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